

Office Action Summary

Application No. 08/532,779	Applicant(s) Jalett Et.al.
Examiner Shailendra Kumar	Group Art Unit 1209



Responsive to communication(s) filed on Sep 29, 1995

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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1. Claims 1-37 are pending in this application.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Osborn et.al.

Osborn et.al. (US 5,112,999), column 6, lines 28-68, column 7, anticipates instant process in terms of catalyst, solvent, temperature, and metal salt, along with type of the compounds being hydrogenated.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103,

the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of potential 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

6. Claims 1-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over combined teachings of Osborn et.al., Burk, Petit et.al., Blackborow et.al. and Chao et.al.

Osborn et.al. has been described supra. Burk (US 5,426,223) is cited to show similar process as claimed herein and also to show various catalyst as claimed herein, see column 2 and 4. Burk also uses metal halide similar to herein, see abstract. Likewise Blackborow et.al. (US 5,103,061) and Petit et.al. (US 5,210,202) teach similar process of hydrogenation of imine using homogeneous or heterogeneous catalyst. The sole difference between the reference and herein claimed process appears to be lack of last step i.e. reaction using acyl halide.

Chao et.al. (Tetrahedron Asymmetry) is cited to show acylation step starting from the imine.

It would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Chao et.al. process of acylation in the process of Osborn et.al., Burk, Petit et.al. or Blackborow et.al., because Chao is clearly teaching such acylation step in the hydrogenation step of imine, see page 399 of Chao et.al., with the reasonable expectation of

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achieving a successful hydrogenated and acylated product, absent evidence to the contrary.

No claim is allowed.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S.Kumar whose telephone number is (703) 308-4519. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Jose Dees, can be reached on (703) 308-4628. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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